

Department of Health
BOARD OF DENTURISTS
AMENDED MEETING MINUTES

July 22, 2005

9:00 AM

Department of Health, Point Plaza East, 310 Israel Rd. S.E., Room 202

Tumwater, WA 98501

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vallan Charron
George Eckhardt, Vice-Chair
Michael Gillispie
Richard Green, Public Member
James Henderson, Public Member
Bernhard Kopfer, DDS

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bruce Anderson, Chair

STAFF PRESENT:

Vicki Brown, Program Manager
Joy King, Executive Director
Jennifer Bressi, Program Manager

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ken Kais, DDS, Bates Technical School
J. von Fielitz
Adriana Schronerova
Stephanie Hemenway
Christian Iturriaga

Friday, July 22, 2005

OPEN SESSION – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by George Eckhardt, Vice-Chair.

1.1 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as amended. The amendments were as follows:

Item 7 Regional Examination was moved to Item 7.1 Regional Examination (Written and Clinical).

1.1 Approval of Agenda continued

Added were the following agenda items:

- Item 7.2 AA Degree and Externship Requirements
- Item 7.3 Third Examiner and Averaging of Examination Scores and
- Item 7.4 Review Criteria for Alginate Weighting.

1.2 Approval of November 19, 2004 Meeting Minutes

The November 19, 2004 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

2. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT REPORT – Staff will provide an update to the Board on each of these areas.

2.1 Budget Information

The board was provided with an update on the current balance of the Denturist program by Ms. Brown. It was noted that the program had a solid balance as of the April, 2005 Interim Operating Report and that staff had started preparing the 2005 – 2007 biennium budget. The allotment will not be available until at least September, 2005. Also discussed were the Health Professions fee reductions that became effective July 1, 2005. The Denturist renewal fee was lowered from \$2,750 to \$1,925 and the inactive renewal fee was lowered from \$1,500 to \$1,000. These fees will remain at this level for at least two years.

2.2 Disciplinary Information

Current disciplinary statistics for the period of January 1, 2005 thru July 12, 2005 were provided to the board for their review and information. The board would like to have an update on what the disciplinary cases were about and the type of actions that were taken.

2.3 Data Bank Questions and Statistics

Staff researched and purchased the available text books that were listed on the “references used to source questions” from the State of Oregon. The questions that had available text books were put into the question databank.

2.4 Follow-up from Previous Board Meetings

Richard McCartan, Assistant Attorney General (AAG), was asked to attend this meeting to discuss education requirements, internships, externships and reciprocity. Due to conflicting schedules, Mr. McCartan was not able to attend and will be asked to attend the September meeting.

The joint meeting between the Oregon Board of Denture Technology and the Washington Board of Denturists has not been scheduled. Once the Washington board has reviewed Oregon’s clinical examination the joint meeting will be scheduled. The board would still like the meeting scheduled on a Friday in the Vancouver/Portland area. The attendees at this meeting are to include: from Oregon are Sue Wilson, Executive Director, Serynthia Murphy, board staff and one member from the Oregon Board of Denture Technology. Attendees from Washington are to include Joy King, Executive Director, Vicki Brown, Program Manager and Vallan Charron, board member.

2.5 Social Security Numbers

Ms. Brown informed the board that the department is still researching the issue regarding the requirements of social security numbers and is still in the process of developing a policy. Once the policy has been finalized, it will be included on a future agenda for the board's review and information.

2.6 Staff Update

Ms. King updated the board on the recent staff re-organization for Section 3. The section has been divided into three functions: Case Management, Board Support and Credentialing. The Credentialing unit has recently changed managers from Ms. Jennifer Bressi to Ms. Erin Obenland. Ms. Bressi has been moved into the board support unit. Mr. Josh Shipe, program manager for case management, introduced himself to the board and briefly discussed his background and current duties.

3. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY – The Board will review and update the forms for delegation of authority to staff.

The delegation of authority from the board to staff has not been updated since August 14, 1998. The old delegation forms gave authority for approving routine applications to Ms. Gail Zimmerman, Executive Director and Kirby Putscher, Program Manager. Since this time, there have been several staff changes.

The board also discussed the possibility of having the Program Manager for the Denturist program to have authority to sign the CR 101 and CR 102 rule making forms and keeping the authority for the CR 103 Adopted Rule. A motion was made to accept the recommended delegations and was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. BATES TECHNICAL COLLEGE – Representative(s) from Bates will be in attendance to provide the Board with an overview of current activities.

Ken Kais, DDS was present from Bates Technical College to provide an update to the board on the Denturist program. There are currently eight (8) students in the program and the waiting list is two (2) years to get into the program. Bates has recently purchased new benches and equipment. There is a possibility of night courses. This has not been decided and will be discussed again in December.

Dr. Kais had several concerns that are listed below:

- 1) There should be a separate ethics and jurisprudence examination. Ms. King stated that we are currently looking at having the jurisprudence exam on the internet.
- 2) Questions on the written examination should be from books that are current and not from years ago as the terms being used may be outdated. Dr. Kais provided a list of the books used by George Brown, Northern Alberta and Bates. The books that did not have initials beside them are not used in the approved courses.
- 3) On the clinical examination, all three (3) scores should be added together and then averaged. The board stated that they will continue to use the current grading process.
- 4) Give the candidates challenging the written test a breakdown of their scores on the different sections.
- 5) Percentages for scoring of impressions and what is the grading criteria that is used.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The board requested the following items be placed on a future agenda:

Rule hearing for continuing competency
Data bank questions and statistics
Online ethics and jurisprudence examination
Budget
Disciplinary information and update (what was the complaint and the outcomes)
Regional examination
Social security number issues
Review of educational requirements (Associate of Technology degree) – Richard McCartan, AAG
Clarification of standards for an AA degree and does Bates have the ability to offer an AA degree
CR-101 filed requiring a minimum of an AA degree to sit for the examination or be licensed

6. OTHER OPEN SESSION BUSINESS – (For discussion only)

October examination dates:

Staff informed the board that one of the recently appointed pro-tem members to the Board of Denturists is not available for the clinical examination on the weekends of October 15th and 16th or October 22nd and 23rd. Due to this conflict, it was decided that the examination be rescheduled to the weekend of September 30th and October 1st.

The board was asked if either of the public members would like to attend the Citizen Advocacy Center conference on November 3 – 5, 2005. It was decided that Jim Henderson would attend and report back to the board at their November meeting.

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7. EXAMINATION – The Board will be continuing discussions on a regional Denturist examination.

- 7.1** Regional Examination (Written and Clinical)
- 7.2** AA Degree and Externship Requirements
- 7.3** Third Examiner and Averaging of Examination Scores
- 7.4** Review Criteria for Alginate Weighting

8. INFORMAL EXAMINATION REVIEWS – The Board reviewed information provided as a result of informal reviews of the written and practical components of the April 22-25, 2005 Denturist examination.

OPEN SESSION

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m. on Friday, July 22, 2005.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved By:

Vicki L. Brown, Program Manager

George Eckhardt, Vice-Chair